

## KU KLUX IN CHURCH! HERE ORGANIZED BY EVANGELIST

Pastor of Calvary Baptist,  
However, Denies He Knows  
of Existence.

The Rev. John Roach Straton, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, No. 123 West 57th Street, denied today that he knew of Ku Klux Klan organizing carried on in his church, although it was said Klan propaganda had been distributed there.

"I know of no such thing," he said. "If any such propaganda has been going on it has been without my knowledge and consent. I am unalterably opposed to the Ku Klux Klan."

As a result of leaflets handed out in the church, however, two reporters sat through a Klan recruiting meeting presided over by a Klansman in full regalia in an undertaking shop. Those who have come in contact with Klan activities in the church ascribe them to the inspiration of the Rev. Oscar Haywood, general evangelist of the church. For a month he has been on a fresh air tour, he established in Mount Gilad, N. C., and when an inquiry was sent to him there he replied with the following telegram:

"It is true I am interested and actively engaged in the work of propagating the Ku Klux Klan in New York City. In it I am just as zealous as I was in the work of endorsing the Calvary Baptist Church four years ago. The Ku Klux Klan will be the loyal ally of every Protestant church, every patriotic society and home in New York City. In those sections where the Protestant churches have been the most diligent organization known to men."

The attitude of Edward C. Miller, head deacon and trustee of the church, was less firm than that of Dr. Straton. "I have been invited to join the Klan, but I have not done so," Mr. Miller said when apprised of what had been learned. "I understand, however, it is 100 per cent. American."

The leaflets handed out along with church calendars and religious pamphlets after services are three by six inches and are headed, "The Ku Klux Klan." They read:

"A 100 per cent. American Protestant organization has come to stay. More than 1,500 Klans in the U. S. are taxed to their utmost in the vast multitude who are aware of the necessity for such an organization."

### "EDUCATION WEEK" FROM DEC. 3 TO DEC. 10

President Urges Whole Country to  
Join in Observance.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—President Harding has issued a proclamation designating Dec. 3 to 9 an "American Education Week." He recommended that national, State and local authorities assist in making the observance effective. He said:

"The strength and security of the Nation will always rest in the intelligent body of its people. Our education should implant conceptions of public duty and private obligation broad enough to envisage the problems of a greatly distraught world. More than anything else men and women need the capacity to see with clear eye and to contemplate with open, unprejudiced mind the issues of these times."

To Hold "Hobo" Dance.  
Next Saturday evening has been set aside by Columbia Council, Sons and Daughters of Liberty for its annual reception. The affair will take the form of a "Hobo Dance" and will be held at Schwaben Hall, Myrtle and Knickerbocker Avenues. A valuable prize has been procured for presentation to the person masquerading as the most original "hobo." A large committee for making arrangements has Mrs. Hiss Fursley as chairlady.

## Divorces Now Social Functions, Like Marriages, Says Preacher

East Orange Minister Offers Short Courtships and  
Long Engagements as a Corrective.

New York society divorce is beginning to rank with marriage as a social festivity. \* \* \* Before marrying each party should carefully study the other and determine how each will wear after the honeymoon polish has worn away. \* \* \* At the present rate, in 100 years more marriages will terminate in the divorce courts than in death. \* \* \* Sensible parents should be taken into confidence in all marriage ventures.

These are a few of the views of the Rev. Frederick George Willey, pastor of the Sanford Street Methodist Episcopal Church, East Orange, on the marriage and divorce question, and these he has given to members of his fashionable congregation to think about.

The first great problem of married life is the proper selection of the girl or man one should marry," said the preacher. "Right here is where the rule that governs the selecting must be reversed from short courtships and long engagements to long courtships and short engagements."

Mr. Willey also discussed the numerous causes for divorce, chief of which he believes is the short courtship. Other causes, he says, are marriages by impulse and without sober judgment, runaway marriages, marriages without enough money, marriages for money and marriages to reform men.

"The idea that a woman should be

independent of her home and of her husband is setting up a tyrannical and satanical institution. One should marry a woman to protect her and not one who is too independent for your protecting care. One cannot expect those who love to enter into the occupations of men to be true to make a home and to be true to this sacred and beautiful relation.

"Many women have remained single, not because they never had opportunities for marriage, but because the opportunities were not of the right sort. Most of them are conscious of their own merits, they would not give their consent to be joined to those who were not their equals. They prefer to make the journey of life alone rather than travel the road with a fraction of a man. So that it is simply talking nonsense to say that the business of every woman is marriage and that the woman who does not marry is a social failure."

## "Women Are the Money Savers," a Woman Banker's Declaration

Get Full Value for It Too, Says Miss Nell Cherrier—  
"They're Squirrels," Says Edna Ferber.

Eighty-five per cent. of all money in circulation in this country passes through the hands of women, who receive only one-third value for it. This is the assertion of Mrs. Edith McChure Patterson of Dayton, O., made at the State Convention of Building and Loan Societies in Columbus, Is she right?

"No," declares Miss Nell E. Cherrier, the very energetic young lady in charge of the Bond and Mortgage Department of the Bay Ridge Savings Bank.

"No," is the answer of Edna Ferber, well-known authoress and interpreter of women's characters and capabilities.

Miss Cherrier has just won a prize of \$2,000 with over several thousand contestants in an emblem and slogan contest, conducted by Group V of the Savings Banks Association of New York State. This slogan will be used as a business getter by banks in this group.

The slogan which Miss Cherrier designed, reads: "Savings are Safest in Savings Banks." "No, I wouldn't say that women do not receive the value of their money. That is, not among the average women—the women who come to this bank for instance."

Miss Cherrier argues that since "Savings are Safest in Savings Banks," and since women form the majority of deposit holders in the banks of this country, then the women are the ones who are getting the best value for their money.

"The average woman has to save," Miss Cherrier declared in her slow, deliberate way. "It is the woman who buys the food, buys the clothing for herself and children—and she has to get full value for her money if she wants to keep herself and children. She just has to, that's the answer. And it is the woman who looks forward to the rainy day. Again, it is a question of looking out for her children."

"But, how about the single woman, the business woman?" Miss Cherrier was asked.

"The business woman, the woman who is really devoted to her business, will save. Here in our bank it is a fact that the business woman who started to save during the war—in the Liberty Loan campaign—is still saving. The flapper—the girl who is only in business until she marries—will spend her money foolishly, but she gets over it. Circumstances in the end will probably force her to it."

Miss Cherrier is a business woman. Her dress is plainly businesslike. She

## 82 ARE DROWNED AS MEXICAN BOAT UPSETS IN PORT

Women and Children Are  
Among Victims of Accident on Mexican Coast.

MEXICALI, Lower Cal., Nov. 20.

Eighty-two Mexican men, women and children were drowned Sunday when a small steamer bringing them from Mazatlan, Mexico, to the cotton ranches of the Mexican Imperial Valley ran aground at the mouth of the Colorado River, according to word received here. The vessel carried 103. Twenty-one were saved.

Low water and a crew unfamiliar with the navigation of the river were blamed for the loss of life.


The Mexican agency of a steamer line operating between La Bomba and Tijuana reported that the steamer Topolampo was due at La Bomba, and officials expressed the belief that

the disaster was to passengers of this vessel.

The Topolampo sailed from Guaymas last Friday laden with Mexicans on the way to the cotton fields of Lower California where they expected to obtain employment as pickers.

## TRY INDIAN BIGAMIST FOR SLAYING ONE WIFE

Key Pendleton Smith, No. 428 West 20th Street, a half-breed Indian, who admits having had four wives until last May, was placed on trial for murder today in the Brooklyn Supreme Court. The charge is that he stabbed his third wife to death on May 4 in the home of Morris Katz, No. 8787 Bay Parkway, where she was employed as a maid.



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